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SUBJECT: INDUSTRIAL STUDY TOUR OF JAPAN

1. THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR PRODUCTIVITY AND QUALITY OF WORKING LIFE, AN INDEPENDENT FEDERAL AGENCY CHARGED WITH ENCOURAGING PRODUCTIVITY IMPROVEMENT IN THE US, IS SPONSORING A STUDY TOUR OF JAPAN DURING THE PERIOD JULY 1-14. THE CENTER'S OBJECTIVES FOR THE TRIP ARE TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES TO OBSERVE JAPANESE PRODUCTIVITY ENHANCING PRODUCTION TECHNIQUES AND TO UTILIZE THE REACTIONS AND COMMENTS OF PARTICIPANTS AS INPUT TO THE CENTER'S POLICY DEVELOPMENT PROCESS.

2. THE CENTER WOULD APPRECIATE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE TOUR GROUP TO MEET WITH THE AMBASSADOR IF HIS SCHEDULE PERMITS. SINCE THE DAYTIME HOURS ARE HEAVILY SCHEDULED, AS THE ITINERARY BELOW INDICATES, AN EVENING MEETING WOULD BE MOST CONVENIENT, BUT THE CENTER WOULD BE WILLING TO ADJUST ITS SCHEDULE TO FIT THAT OF THE AMBASSADOR. IN ADDITION, THE CENTER REQUESTS A BRIEFING BY THE ECONOMIC SECTION ON UNCLASSIFIED

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THE ROLE OF THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT IN ENCOURAGING TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION AND PRODUCTIVITY THAT MANIFESTS ITSELF IN EXPORT MARKETS.

3. THE ITINERARY IS AS FOLLOWS:

JUNE 30, FRIDAY -- LEAVE SAN FRANCISCO

JULY 1, SATURDAY -- ARRIVE IN TOKYO

JULY 2, SUNDAY -- FULL DAY TOUR OF CITY AREA

JULY 3, MONDAY

AM -- JAPAN PRODUCTIVITY CENTER

PM -- AGENCY OF INDUSTRIAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MITI

JULY 4, TUESDAY -- FUJITSU FANUC LTD.

JULY 5, WEDNESDAY -- TOSHIBA (TOKYO SHIBAURA ELECTRIC CO.)

JULY 6, THURSDAY -- EBARA MANUFACTURING COMPNAY, LTD.

JULY 7, FRIDAY -- TOYOTA MOTOR COMPANY

JULY 8, SATURDAY -- PROCEED TO KYOTO

JULY 9, SUNDAY -- PROCEED TO OSAKA

JULY 10, MONDAY -- KUBOTA - SAKAI PLANT

JULY 11, TUESDAY -- FUJITSU LIMITED/HINO PLANT

JULY 12, WEDNESDAY -- SEIKO

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JULY 13, THURSDAY -- PROFESSOR YOSHIKAWA, PRECISION  
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JULY 14, FRIDAY -- LEAVE JAPAN/ARRIVE SAN FRANCISCO

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